

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2412

Introduced by Assembly Member Tran

February 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 37222 of the Education Code, relating to the school calendar.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2412, as introduced, Tran. Schools: calendar: days of special significance.

Existing law designates particular days each year as having special significance in public schools and educational institutions and encourages those entities to conduct suitable commemorative exercises on those days.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 37222 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 37222. (a) The following days in each year are designated and
- 4 set apart as days having special significance:
- 5 (1) The second Wednesday in May as the Day of the Teacher.
- 6 (2) April 21 of each year as John Muir Day.
- 7 (3) April 6 of each year as California Poppy Day.
- 8 (4) May 22 of each year as Harvey Milk Day.

(b) On each of the days designated in subdivision (a), all public schools and educational institutions are encouraged to observe those days and to conduct suitable commemorative exercises as follows:

(1) On the Day of the Teacher, exercises commemorating and directing attention to teachers and the teaching profession.

(2) On John Muir Day, exercises stressing the importance that an ecologically sound natural environment plays in the quality of life for all of us, and emphasizing ~~John Muir's~~ *the* significant contributions *made by John Muir* to the fostering of that awareness and the indelible mark he left on the State of California.

(3) On California Poppy Day, exercises honoring the California Poppy, including instruction about native plants, particularly the California Poppy, and the economic and aesthetic value of wildflowers; promoting responsible behavior toward our natural resources and a spirit of protection toward them; and emphasizing the value of natural resources and conservation of natural resources.

(4) On Harvey Milk Day, exercises remembering the life of Harvey Milk, recognizing his accomplishments, and familiarizing pupils with the contributions he made to this state.

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the exercises encouraged in this section be integrated into the regular school program, and be conducted by the school or institution within the amount otherwise budgeted for educational programs.